

Horror in Hwereso; Man kills girl, 17, after raping her

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A 17-year-old student of the Hwereso Junior High School near Ejisu in the Ashanti Region was Tuesday butchered after having been raped by a 25-year-old man.

Her assailant, named as Adongo Akanyire Azure, who also inflicted machete wounds on the deceased's mother, later committed suicide at the Boankra Inland Port by allegedly drinking a poisonous substance.

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Narrating the horrific incident to the **Daily Graphic**, the Ejisu Divisional Police Commander, Chief Superintendent Laear Baman, said around 12 midnight on Tuesday, the police had a call that Azure had killed a young lady after raping her.

He said the police went to the scene and saw the victim with a machete wound in the chest lying in a pool of blood.

Incident

He said according to the victim's mother, they were in their room when Azure broke in holding a machete, a knife and a hammer, saying that he knew he was going to die and that before he died, he would have to kill somebody.

Just after the woman asked him who his assailants were, he changed the discussion and insisted that if they did not allow him to sleep with the young lady, he was going to end their lives.

When Azure realised that the young lady was reluctant, he threatened to kill them, and so out of fear she offered herself.

Immediately after having sex with the girl, Azure used the machete to cut between the breasts of the young lady and asked her mother and another lady in the room to turn and face the window, after which he started inflicting knife wounds on the mother of the deceased.

The woman pushed the door open and started shouting for help, while Azure pursued her.

When he realised that a number of people were rushing to the scene, he abandoned his mission and fled.

Manhunt for assailant

Mr Baman said the police rushed the injured mother to hospital and mounted a manhunt for the culprit.

He added that the search led them to the culprit's room where they retrieved the bloodstained machete.

When the police were on their way to deposit the body of the young lady at the morgue, they were informed that a body of a young man had been found at the Boankra Inland Port.

The police commander said they found Azure's body which had some whitish foam emanating from the mouth and nose, indicating that he might have taken a poisonous substance.

He said the two bodies had been deposited at the Juaben Government Hospital for autopsy, while the girl's mother is receiving treatment.

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